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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lail et al.

Serial No.: 10/036,027

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Title: Fiber Optic Cable Having a Ripcord

Art Unit: 2874

Examiner: Pak, Sung H.

Notice of  
Allowance Dated: March 27, 2004

Confirmation No.: 2444

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and subject to the recommendation of the Examiner and the approval of the Commissioner, and without withdrawing the case from issue, kindly enter the following amendment to claim 23. The amendment to claim 23 merely improves the readability of claim 23 and does not change the scope or meaning of the claim.